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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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CODEL ABOUREZK/EAGLETON

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TAGS: OREP: (ABOUREZK, EAGLETON)

SUBJECT: CODEL ABOUREZK/EAGLETON

REFS: DAMASCUS 2131

1. FOR DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT: CODEL REQUESTS EMBASSY DAMASCUS PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO LEBANESE-SYRIAN BORDER, LEAVING DAMASCUS EARLY MORNING APRIL 19. CODEL WILL BE MET AT BORDER AT 1000 BY PLO DELEGATION WHO WILL TAKE THEM TO BEIRUT. THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN ABOUREZK AND CLOVIS MAQSUD, WHO HAS ASSURED ABOUREZK THAT TRIP WILL NOT BE MADE UNLESS SECURITY SITUATION PERMITS. WE HAVE CAUTIONED ABOUREZK'S OFFICE ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN LEBANON AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS EMBASSIES BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. FOR DAMASCUS: CODEL HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY  
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DAMASCUS LEAVE OPEN TIME FOR LUNCHEON ON APRIL 18.

MAQSUD AND ABOUREZK ARE MAKING SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A LUNCHEON IN DAMASCUS THAT DAY. ADDITIONALLY, CODEL REQUESTS THAT A.M. MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY FACULTY ON APRIL 18 BE CHANGED IF POSSIBLE TO LATER IN THE AFTERNOON AROUND 1600 OR 1630, SO THAT CODEL CAN ATTEND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES. SENATOR ABOUREZK WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH AND MEET WITH PATRIARCH ELIAS FOURTH. HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE MEETING FOR HIM. CODEL CONCURS WITH REMAINDER PROGRAM.

3. FOR AMMAN: CODEL CONFIRMS IT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT TRAVEL TO JORDAN, AND AMBASSADOR PICKERING HAS BEEN ADVISED. SISCO

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